



St Margaret's Anfield

Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter—Friday 6th November 2020

Message from Mrs Hughes...



I sincerely hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable half term despite this awful rain. We all know Halloween and Bonfire Night were not the same this year with the restrictions in place but I have heard some wonderful things from the children and staff on how they have celebrated safely at home. We are all still very much looking forward to this particular half term with the countdown to Christmas now on. Let's hope that any further restrictions and action taken now will help us to be able to celebrate!

Although we have now entered another "lockdown" period **school is still open** and will remain so. If your child or a member of the household does start to display Covid symptoms please follow the guidance given by the government. As and when we do have more information we will always keep you updated via push notifications and via our website <https://stmargaretsanfield.co.uk/>

COVID—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Should you need to alert the school of a pupil positive case please email the school's Covid team immediately after you receive your positive result. Please provide the following details:

- Pupil Name
- Pupil Date of Birth
- Pupil Class
- Full Address including postcode
- Date of test result

The email address is covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk

For further advice visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

IMPORTANT REMINDER—FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We will keep reminding you of this as it is important to seek help when needed if your circumstances do change. We must encourage you to double check your entitlement via the Liverpool City Council website and let us know if your circumstances have changed. If you do become eligible for Free School Meals we are **unable to backdate this so we need to know as soon as you receive your confirmation so we can ensure that our register system is correct.**

The website is here <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

FLU VACCINATIONS

The nurses attended school on Tuesday 3rd November to administer the flu nasal sprays. They will be returning to catch up with any absences. Please ensure you return your consent forms as soon as possible regardless of your decision so we can be sure no children have been missed out. If you need a new form please contact the school office.

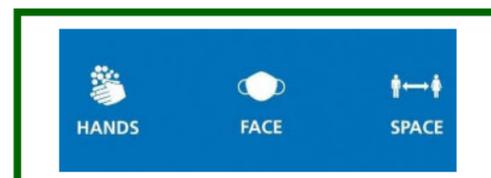
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL

As we haven't been able to allow the children to bring in sweets or gifts on their birthday to celebrate Miss Parry has had a lovely suggestion! From this month onwards we will celebrate on the last Friday of each month the children's birthdays that have occurred during that month! Children should still come to school in their uniform and will have lunch as normal. During that afternoon classes will partake in party games, activities and have snacks and treats with a party atmosphere! Any children whose birthdays fell during September and October will be celebrated in November! We will make sure our August birthday children will be celebrated in July!

EASYFUNDRAISING

As Christmas is not far away a lot of people are doing more of their shopping online this year. We do have an account with the Easyfundraising website which raises money for SMA when you purchase items through a huge range of websites. If you get the chance, please sign up to the Easyfundraising site and do your shopping through there. The school will benefit hugely through this fundraising if enough people take part! Please find website link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretsanfieldcep/?q=st%20margarets%20anfield&cat=cause-autosuggest>





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IMPORTANT REMINDER—SCHOOL DINNERS

Although we are trying to avoid too much traffic going in and out of the school office if you cannot use SIMS Pay to pay for your child's school dinners, you can, of course, call into the school office to pay by Cash or Card. Please be aware that only one person is allowed into the office at any time so you will be asked to stand outside to wait at busier times.

YEAR 6—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Secondary School Applications now close on Saturday 7th November 2020, this has been extended due to the impact of Covid. Please see the link below for your application and please ensure you follow any further guidance from your chosen schools.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

2021 RECEPTION PLACES—IMPORTANT REMINDER

Reception Applications close on Friday 15th January 2021. You can find more information on the Liverpool City Council website <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

In addition to the council application you need to ensure you have completed an application form from the school office. The only exception to this is if your child is already with us at SMA nursery.

REPORTING YOUR CHILDS ABSENCE

It is important that you contact school when your child is absent **for any reason** to let us know why your child is off school. You can:-

- use our **absence report form** or,
- **email us at admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk** or,
- **call the office from 8am.**

It is also very important at this present time that we are informed immediately if you or any of your family have any covid symptoms or have been in **direct** contact with a **positive** case. We can then support you with the latest isolation advice and give you a return date for your child to come back to school. We also ask that If you receive a **negative** test result, you must contact school to inform us. Again, you can use our **absence report form**, **email us at admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk**, or **call the office from 8am** or use our **dedicated covid 19 email covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk**. This is so we can also update our track and trace information we report each day to the Government.

MATHS WEEK

You will have had a letter brought home by your child about next week's Maths Week celebrations. On **Friday 13th November**, to end this launch week and to also celebrate Children in Need, all Key Stage Two children (Year 3-6) are invited to come to school dressed as a Rockstar whilst all Early Years and Key Stage 1 children (Nursery to Year 2) are welcome to come to school dressed as a robot. They are asked to bring in a donation of £1 and all proceeds will go to Children in Need. In line with Covid safety regulations, any coins brought into school will only be handled once and will be placed in a bucket as soon as your child enters his/her classrooms.

Please continue to look after one another and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Hughes
Headteacher

P.S—PE DAYS REMINDER

Reception - Thursday and Friday
1H - Monday and Wednesday
1W - Tuesday and Wednesday
2M - Monday and Thursday
2E - Monday and Wednesday
Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday
Year 4 - Monday and Tuesday
Year 5 - Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

